

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4, 6-10 and 12-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Leonard in view of Maranto. This rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

In applying Leonard, the Examiner cites to Figure 6 and apparently considers two pins extending from ground plate 44 to correspond to the claimed extension of the inner shield. Claim 1 recites "said extension being a planar member positioned within a longitudinal slot formed in said printed circuit board, said extension being disposed between a first set of four contact tails and a second set of four contact tails." The two pins from ground plate 44 are not a "planar member" as recited in claim 1.

For the above reasons, claim 1 is patentable over Leonard in view of Maranto. Claims 2, 4, 6-10 and 12-16 depend from claim 1 and are patentable over Leonard in view of Maranto for at least the reasons advanced with respect to claim 1.

Furthermore, neither Leonard nor Maranto disclose an inner shield and a vertical shield having extensions beyond the PCB as recited in claim 7. The Examiner does not specifically address claim 7. Nor are the features of claim 14 taught by Leonard and the Office Action is silent as to how the features of claim 14 are taught by Leonard. In particular, claim 14 recites that the inner extension and the vertical extension form a cross structure.

Claims 3, 5 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Leonard in view of Maranto and Hood. Hood was relied upon for teaching metal plating of a slot in the circuit board but fails to cure the deficiencies of Leonard and Maranto discussed above with respect to claim 1. Claims 3, 5 and 11 are dependent on

claim 1 and are patentable for at least the reasons advanced with respect to claim 1.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is requested.

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